required vaccination, at least one required treatment to said animal, at least one required health record, and a required weaning date for said at least one animal that is a least forty five days prior to said auction;

utilizing, by said seller, an electronic identification unit on each of said at least one animal, each of said identification units comprising a unique animal code for each of said at least one animal;

collecting information on each of said at least one animal comprising physical characteristics of said at least one animal;

processing a complete and signed certification form which certifies that said at least one animal was processed in accordance with said required processing guidelines; and

providing said buyer with at least a portion of said collected information and information regarding said certification.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said guidelines further comprise:

a required vaccination regimen.

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31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said guidelines further comprise:

a required treatment regimen.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

dehorning said at least one animal.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

castrating said at least one animal.

34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said required treatment regimen comprises:

performing injections in said at least one animal in a region of the neck of said at least one animal.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said physical characteristics of collected information comprises: weight information.

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36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said physical characteristics of collected information comprises: the sex of said at least one animal.

- 37. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said collected information is collected and stored based, at least in part, on said unique animal code.
- 38. (New) A method for conducting an automated cattle auction comprising:

providing a seller with required processing guidelines for processing at least one animal prior to said auction, said guidelines comprising: at least one required vaccination, at least one required medication, at least one required treatment to said at least one animal, at least one required health record and a required weaning date for said at least one animal that is a least forty five days prior to said auction;

utilizing an electronic identification unit comprising a unique animal code for each of said at least one animal;

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collecting individual animal data comprising physical characteristic information for each of said at least one animal during processing of said at least one animal;

submitting a signed certification form which certifies that said at least one animal was processed in accordance with said required processing guidelines;

automatically collecting information comprising:
animal weight and said unique animal code, for each of said at
least one animal; and

automatically updating a database record with said collected information corresponding to said at least one animal with said collected information prior to said auction.

- 39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said required processing guidelines further comprise:

 a required vaccination regimen.
- 40. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said required processing guidelines further comprise:

 a required treatment regimen.

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